

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2006

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mike Batchelder, Tony French, Donna Parish and Ken Stewart.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Riley, Tim Hersh, Randy and Creed Parsons, Ted Collins, Charles Baskins and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Janet Tyler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Mike Batchelder moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held October 4, 2006. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the bills for the month of October, 2006. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Randy Parsons presented a proposal from Rural Water District #6 concerning the selling of water by the City to the district. The proposed offer from the district was to pay a \$55,000 Connection fee and a purchase price of \$1.00 per thousand gallons. Mr. Parsons asked if the City could respond to their offer no later than December 10, 2006.

The City agreed that they would welcome another meeting with the district and would exhaust all efforts before giving up on selling water to the district. The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to call the city engineer and schedule a work session to review the information about selling water and to also discuss water storage and water lines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Attorney Ted Collins updated the Council on meetings he had had with the College President and the Fire District concerning the location of the Community Center/Fire Station. He stated that the location, now owned by the Cemetery Association, northwest of the city limits had been discussed in detail and that this location could tie in with the College's master plan. Ken Stewart stated that the property west of the grade school is also being considered and that the Fire District has basically agreed to either location. Mr. Stewart also informed the Council that the representative with the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing has notified them that an LMI (low to moderate income) survey must be completed in the rural areas of the fire district. Stewart went on to say that the surveys' will be mailed out to the rural residences within the fire district and that it will be very important that the survey's are completed and returned for the purpose of possibly receiving the grant.

Mike Batchelder informed the Council that numerous complaints had been received about clean-up and trash at the building site on Block 3. Mr. Batchelder told the Council that he had contacted one of the owners of the duplexes and asked that the trash be picked up, nails be kept out of the street and the street repaired.

OLD BUSINESS

Tony French moved to authorize the City Clerk to establish a Degginger Park Fund and to schedule the investment of these funds in certificates of deposit with the Farmers State Bank. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council agreed to discuss additional water storage at a special work session with the city's engineer and to tentatively set the date for November 15, 2006.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Deputy Tim Hersh reported on Halloween activity.

Ken Stewart moved to contact Jared Edie to work on police department computers. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

City Superintendent Jeff Riley reported on sewer line problems.

Ken Stewart moved to authorize the rental of a camera by Jeff Riley to inspect problem sewer lines. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to purchase the timer, at a cost of \$400, for the operation of the noon siren. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:30 p.m. Tony French moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:40 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

9:40 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to adjourn. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk